

Illinois Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2015

The Executive Committee of the Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council held a meeting on Monday, November 2, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. via teleconference and in the Charitable Trust Conference Room, 11th Floor, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois. In total, 10 individuals attended the meeting.

PRESENT:

Emily Friedman, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Martin Green, Illinois CPA Society
Janice Rodgers, Quarles & Brady, LLP
David Rosen, Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago
Richard Sevcik, Perkins Coie
Eric Weinheimer, Donors Forum
Delia Coleman, Donors Forum
Alison Leipsiger, Donors Forum

In addition, the following staff members from the Illinois Attorney General's Office were present:

Therese Harris and Theresa Geary

I. Welcome

Therese Harris opened the meeting at 11:01 a.m., welcomed EC members and asked for a roll call.

II. Review and Approve 2014 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Therese Harris asked the Executive Committee to review the minutes from the 2014 Executive Committee Meeting. David Rosen motioned to approve the minutes and Martin Green seconded the motion. A voice vote occurred with all members voting in favor of approving the minutes. There were no objections.

III. Old Business

Therese Harris asked if there was any old business that needed to be addressed.

No comments were received.

IV. New Business

a. Membership Discussion and Recommendations

Therese Harris explained that under the CAC Charter, the CAC is comprised of 40-60 members involved in charitable giving, volunteering and fund raising in Illinois. Currently the CAC has 41 members and the Illinois Attorney General's Office is looking for recommendations from the Executive Committee on potential new members. Specifically, the office is looking for 8-9 recommendations within the next week or two.

David Rosen asked if there were any specific groups that are underrepresented.

Therese Harris explained that we are continually looking for representatives outside the Chicago area and we do not currently have a representative from an arts organization.

Emily Friedman asked if there were enough direct service organizations.

Therese Harris indicated that more direct service organizations are welcomed; the CAC is not over represented in this area.

Therese Harris asked that the committee consider possible recommendations and email them to the office for consideration.

b. Open Meetings Act (OMA) and the CAC Charter

The electronic Open Meetings Act (OMA) training is required for CAC members to complete and this requirement is not currently included in the charter. The office would like to include that the training is a condition of membership within the charter. Therese asked the Executive Committee to approve the proposal for the Illinois Attorney General's Office to draft language to update the charter and present to the full membership at the next CAC meeting.

Janice Rodgers motioned to approve the proposal to update the charter and present to the CAC for approval. David Rosen seconded the motion. A voice vote occurred with all members voting in favor of approving the minutes. There were no objections.

c. 2015 Annual Meeting and Agenda Discussion

Per the CAC Charter, "The CAC shall meet once a year unless the EC determines there are no significant current issues relating to charitable giving, volunteerism and fundraising in the state of Illinois that require an annual meeting. The day, time, and place of the annual CAC meeting shall be determined by the EC in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office and notice of the meeting shall be given."

Therese Harris shared that there are no issues from the Charitable Trust Bureau to share with the CAC at this time. The sector is focused on the current budget situation and there are no independent issues concerning the sector to share with the CAC.

Janice Rodgers asked if there were any educational materials that needed to be shared with the CAC.

Emily Friedman asked if there were any action items from the 2014 CAC meeting to discuss.

Therese Harris shared that the Charitable Information Sessions discussed at the 2014 CAC Meeting were not held.

Therese Harris asked if there were any initiatives or educational issues that the Executive Committee wanted to discuss or propose.

Martin Green shared that there is no pending legislation that would need the input of the CAC.

Janice Rodgers inquired about the website update. Emily Friedman shared that the new website has launched. Therese Harris confirmed that this project was completed.

Emily Friedman suggested regroup in 6 months to see if there are any issues at that time warranting a CAC meeting.

Janice agreed that might be better timing.

Therese Harris asked if there were any initiatives that Donors Forum would like to share.

Delia Coleman explained that while Donors Forum is working on new initiatives, they are not yet ready to announce them and that the state budget issue is of priority to the sector.

Therese Harris asked for the recommendation of the Executive Committee on the meeting.

David Rosen proposed recommending no annual meeting for 2015 and continuing to evaluate developments in early 2016.

Janice Rodgers motioned to approve the proposal to not host a 2015 CAC meeting and Emily Friedman seconded the motion. A voice vote occurred with all members voting in favor of not hosting a 2015 CAC meeting. There were no objections.

V. Public Comment

Therese asked for Public Comment. No comments given.

VI. Closing

Martin Green motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Rosen seconded the motion. A voice vote occurred with all members voting in favor of approving the minutes. There were no objections.

Therese Harris thanked the Executive Committee members for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.